of 19 Airbus A 320 aircraft for delivery during 1989-90. Airbus Industries has also under-taken to arrange for Indian Airlines on lease Airbus A300 and B737 aircraft for the interim period 1986-89.

(b) The two Airbus A300 aircraft were delivered to Indian Airlines on the 22nd of August, 1986.

Additional Berths in Nilachal Express

1564. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA:
KUMARI SUSHILA TIRLA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to provide additional berths in A.C.2 Tier and Ist class in Nilachal Express running from Bhubaneswar to New Delhi;

(b) whether Government are aware that the people of Orissa are dissatisfied about time taken by this train which is more than 32 hours; and

(c) whether Government proposes to introduce a super-fast train between New Delhi and Bubaneswar in order to enable the people coming from Orissa to reach New Delhi early?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) One A.C.2-Tier coach and one 1st Class coach are available on Nilachal Express providing about 70 upper class berths per trip.

(b) and(c) To cover a distance of over 2000 Kms. with the present stoppages, the present journey time is reasonable. However, a superfast train No. 915/916 Puri-New Delhi Express is also available which covers he journey in about 30 hours.

Derailment of railway trains

1565. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH:
SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that causes of derailment of trains has increased during the first ten months of 1986 as compared to the first ten months of 1984 and 1985;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) what is the total number of derailment of trains/engines during the last two years and what are the total number of casualties;

(d) what are the details of financial loss due to each of the derailment; and

(e) what steps are being taken to prevent such derailments in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) 588 derailments occurred in 1985-86 as against 678 during 1984-85. 5 people lost their lives and 48 suffered injuries due to derailments during 1985-86 as against 163 deaths and 345 injuries in 1984-85.

The cost of damage to the Railway property was Rs. 9.06 and Rs. 8.46 crores in 1985-86 and 1984-85 respectively.

(e) Some of the important safety measures being taken to prevent derailments are:—

(i) Programmed rehabilitation of rolling stock, track and other assets.

(ii) Introduction of modern technological aids viz., ultrasonic testing of rails and rolling stock axles, provision of rack circuiting, axle counters, panel and route relay interlocking, etc.

(iii) Patrolling of track to detect rail fractures and adoption of anti-sabotage measures.

(iv) Stringent punitive action against the staff held responsible for derailments.

(v) Formation of high level multi-disciplinary Safety Task Force Teams to conduct detailed inspections on the various Zonal Railways with a view to identifying the unsafe working practices and weaknesses in the system and taking remedial measures.

Unclaimed billets lying at Vishakhapatnam Port

1566. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:

SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether 35,000 metric tonnes of imported billets worth rupees ten crores imported by Minerals and Metal Trading Corporation (MMTC) have been lying unclaimed at Visakhapatnam Port;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Visakhapatnam Port Authorities in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Computerised reservation terminals

1567. SHRI F. M. KHAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to open more computerised reservation terminals during 1986 in the country;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof nd the names of the Stations where these re to be opened; and

(c) the estimated expenditure to be spent on it and by when it is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise

(c) The total estimated expenditure on computerised reservation system at Delhi